

Home Visiting Program

Wisconsin

The Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program (MIECHV Program) supports the Wisconsin Home Visiting Program and provides voluntary, evidence-based home visiting services to at-risk pregnant women and parents with young children.

The MIECHV Program, which builds upon decades of scientific research, provides voluntary, culturally-appropriate, individually-tailored supports to families in their homes, including providing information about children's health, development, and safety, and when appropriate, referrals to support services.

Through federal grants from the MIECHV Program, in fiscal year 2016, home visitors in Wisconsin:

- Made 23,662 home visits to 2,964 parents and children in 1,565 families
- Enrolled 1,298 new parents and children to the program, or 44% of participants
- Served families living in communities in 25 counties across the state, or 35% of Wisconsin counties, of which 16 counties, or 64%, are rural

The MIECHV Program in Wisconsin:

- Screened 90% of mothers who were served by the home visiting program and received a postpartum assessment for postpartum depression
- Reported that 75% of families received training from their home visitor on preventing child injuries and less than 6% of infants had injuries requiring medical treatment by age 12 months
- Reported that 92% of infants received all or most recommended well-child visits with a physician and 96% of children were screened for developmental delays before their first birthday

Like all MIECHV Program grantees, Wisconsin uses evidence-based home visiting models that are proven to improve child health and to be cost effective. Wisconsin leverages federal funds to implement the following models to serve children and families across the state:

- [Healthy Families America](#)
- [Nurse-Family Partnership](#)
- [Parents as Teachers](#)
- [Early Head Start – Home Based Option](#)

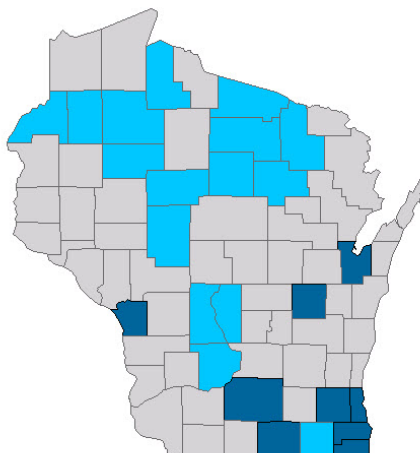
Counties with home visiting services funded by federal grants from the MIECHV Program (as of March 2017):

Rural counties:

Adams, Ashland, Burnett, Clark, Forest, Juneau, Langlade, Lincoln, Oneida, Rusk, Sauk, Sawyer, Taylor, Vilas, Walworth, Washburn

Non-rural counties:

Brown, Dane, Kenosha, La Crosse, Milwaukee, Racine, Rock, Waukesha, Winnebago



More about Wisconsin:

[Wisconsin Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program](#)

[National Survey of Children's Health 2011/2012 Wisconsin Profile](#)

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The Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program is administered by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) in partnership with the Administration for Children and Families (ACF). The Program supports at-risk pregnant women and families, and helps parents of children from birth to kindergarten entry tap the resources and hone the skills they need to raise children who are physically, socially, and emotionally healthy and ready to learn.

Research shows that home visits by a nurse, social worker, early childhood educator, or other trained professional during pregnancy and in the first years of life improve maternal and child health, prevent child abuse and neglect, increase positive parenting, and enhance child development and school readiness.